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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Guild is off to a wonderful start in this New Year!

DON'T FORGET, your dues for the New Year are now payable. The Board has worked hard to hold the 2011 dues to a mere \$50 again this year so please take time to get your check to Walter, our Treasurer, as soon as possible. Also, our directory for 2011 is going to press soon and you will want your contact information published by paying your dues.

Our January meeting was well attended with a "standing room only" crowd learning about how woodworking can morph into antique car restoration. **Wilbur Hoday** presented his slide show detailing how he built the wooden cabin for his vintage automobile. Fascinating! (Thanks go out to **Tom Surtees** for the loan of his projector!)



The February program will feature **Bill Hubbard**. Bill is a member of the West Alabama Woodworking Association. Bill plans to demonstrate Power Carving on Wood Turnings. I have seen Bill's work and it is fascinating! You won't want to miss Bill's demonstration as he is planning on describing how power carving can also apply to non-turning projects to enhance their appearance. Bill says this is simple enough that even **Dan Browning** could do it!

Speaking of Dan...he arranged for a visit by **Bill Harman**, the DeWalt/Porter Cable rep for our area. Many of our members attended the user forum the evening of January 17 at the WEC where Bill gathered usage ideas and user feedback on routers, jig saws, sanders and other small motor tools. Incidentally, as a result of Bill's visit, the Guild is now the proud owner of a new Porter Cable Pocket Hole Jig for the use of the membership. It's located in one of the green cabinets at the WEC.



Several of our members also attended the Finishing Class arranged by **Robert McClure**. This class was taught by **Joel Rago** from Mohawk Finishing Products. Many of you remember Joel from the presentation he did at Alabama Hardwoods. Joel taught the class how to step up their finishing skills by not only spraying with high pressure but with low pressure/high volume as well. Additionally, Joel taught the group how to enhance a project by using dyes and glazes. A VERY informative seminar!

Lastly...ever wonder how to use our temperamental dual drum sander? Well, come early to the next meeting and watch our mild mannered **Cliff Daniels** teach you how to tame this beast. (Cliff will scold me for calling it names!)

Monta

Next Meeting
Saturday,
February 19, 2011
Pre-meeting 9:30 to 10 am
Meeting 10 to 11 am
Lunch immediately after.
Don't forget your
Show and Tell
See page 2 for details

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Dues R Due

Don't forget your checkbook at this month's meeting. Your 2011 Alabama Woodworkers Guild Dues are now due. Please see Walter Barnett at the meeting or you can mail your dues (still just \$50) to:

Alabama Woodworkers Guild
P.O. Box 26665
Birmingham, Al 35260

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Pre-meeting

The February pre-meeting presentation will be on the proper operation and care of the dual drum sander - presented by Cliff Daniels. If you have general questions about the drum sander or want to qualify for using the drum sander at the WEC, be sure to join Cliff at 9:30.

Main Meeting Presentation

You may recognize some of these pieces from our last Guild Show. This month, Bill Hubbard will demonstrate his power carving techniques.



Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served for lunch after our meeting. It costs about \$5 a person to provide so you're asked to chip in to help cover the cost.



2011 Directories will be available in hard copy at the February meeting and at the WEC

WOODWORKING EDUCATION CENTER (WEC)

We have received a set of shelves from Habitat for Humanity and they have been installed in the new shipping container.

Remember that our lumber prices are the best in town, so buy your lumber at the WEC.

The knives on the 20" Grizzly planer have been damaged again. This is the second time in approximately a month. Both times it appears that a board with a nail or some metal was run through the planer. The guild has bought a metal detector and it will be kept near the planer or jointer. If you must mill used lumber then please use the metal detector and make sure there is no metal in the board. If you even suspect there is metal in a board then do not run it through any of our equipment. The cost of sharpening or buying new knives is too high to have to replace them very often. The "Walker Turner" band saw is still out of commission.

Please welcome two new WEC supervisors, they are Bob Free and Lynn Smith.

Cliff

Comfort Bucket

There's a bucket sitting on the sign in table at each of our meetings. *That bucket is there for you to put in a couple of bucks for the "comfort" of having a nice place to meet.* Those contributions help to defray the costs of heating, air conditioning, refreshments, and paper products. There was a time when we met in a warehouse without any of these amenities and at the convenience of others. Be grateful!



Table Saw For Sale!

FOR SALE: Powermatic 66 table saw, 3 hp Baldor 230V 1 phase motor , 53" Biesemeyer T-Square fence , \$1,400, or \$1,550 with PM mobile base. Contact Brian Stauss, 987-9997 or kybgs@bellsouth.net.

Education Activities Report – There's a whole lot happening!



A very informative workshop was held January 15, 2011. Mr Joel Rago of Mohawk Finishing Products Inc, led a hands-on demonstration of finishing methods and spraying techniques. The 15 students each left with a picture frame they finished themselves. The students were very complimentary of the event and all left with a new appreciation of the steps needed to create a great finish. We look forward to Joel's next visit.



The workbench class is now underway with Mike Key leading 7 students in building a highly functional bench. This group meets on Thursday nights and will soon begin the initial assembly stages of this project. Their finished bench will be offered as a fundraiser to AWG members later this year.

The next big event is the long awaited Marc Adams seminar. Marc is one of the foremost woodworking instructors in the United States and operates his own school in Franklin Indiana. He will be at our shop in Maylene on March 25th & 26th. Friday the 25th will be a full day on furniture making with a focus on design, joinery, understanding wood, adhesives, sharpening and finishing. The next day, Saturday, will be a veneering class with focus on veneer as a material, cutting, pressing, sanding, parquet, inlay and even a touch on marquetry. Marc's classes have a very open format and he shapes the day's agenda based on the questions and interests of his audience. The cost of this seminar is \$75.00 for one day or \$125 for both days. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting of the Guild. For this seminar, payment is required at the time of sign-up. This is the seminar many of our Guild members have been waiting for. Don't miss it!

We are also announcing two new beginner level classes. The first of the two classes will teach woodturning fundamentals. On Saturdays, April 2nd & 9th, Cliff Daniels and Troy Stroud will lead a basic skills class including lathe operation and safety, wood mounting, and tool selection and handling. This two day class will include hands-on training using the lathes and tools at the W.E.C. The cost of this class is \$50.00.

For the second of the two beginner classes, Eddie Heerten and Walter Barnett will teach a three day class on hand cut dovetails. This time honored method of joinery is a fundamental skill for woodworkers the world over. This class will be taught on three Saturdays beginning April 30th with the other sessions scheduled for May 7 & 14. The class will cover tool sharpening, layout techniques and plenty of hands-on time to practice your cutting skills. For this class it will really help if you can provide your own tools (either owned, borrowed or shared). Eddie and Walter will provide information to the students on what types of tools are needed. This class will be limited to no more than 20 students and will cost \$50.00.

You can sign up for the beginner level classes at the February meeting of the Guild. Unlike the Marc Adams Seminar, payment for the beginner level classes can be made any time up to the first day of class. Our hope is that these beginner level classes will lead to follow up classes to build projects using these fundamental skills. The type of future projects will be determined by the interests of the students.

Robert

Welcome New Members!

Buddy Heerten, Chris Heerten, John Heerten, Jonathan Heerten, Glen Wells



Alan Stanton's maple train (left). Wilber Holaday explains the use of wood on vintage automobiles (right).

JANUARY MEETING



Policy of Alabama Woodworkers Guild

Title: Use of the Guild Woodworking Education Center
Policy No.AWG-1

Date Adopted:3/1/07
Revised: 11/27/10

Statement of Policy:

Use of the Alabama Woodworkers Guild (the "Guild") Woodworking Education Center (the "shop") shall be governed by the requirements as set forth herein.

Reason for Policy:

This Policy sets forth the operating requirements necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the "shop" maintained by the "Guild" for the use of its members.

Policy Requirements:

A Shop Manager (appointed by the board) shall establish and administer shop rules and regulations that are necessary to implement the requirements of this policy and/or are necessary for the safe, efficient and orderly operation of the shop.

Members are responsible for their own safety and must make themselves aware of and comply with all shop rules and regulations. Woodworking is a dangerous activity. Accidents often occur. A member must not attempt any operation in the shop for which he/she is unsure of how to accomplish safely nor shall he/she operate any machine for which he/she is not certain of how to safely operate it.

He/she shall inspect each machine prior to use to assure that it is in safe operating condition.

All persons in the shop during hours of operation must have signed a Liability Release Waiver and said Waiver must be on file at the shop. Use of the shop shall be limited to (a) Guild sponsored group work sessions, (b) Guild sponsored training sessions and (c) individual member work sessions.

Guild sponsored work or training sessions shall have scheduling priority over member work sessions.

Hours of operation shall be set by the Shop Manager or his designee.

Work sessions shall be scheduled by the Shop Manager or his designee.

Use of the shop is limited to Guild members only. Members may be accompanied by "helpers" to assist with material handling, glue ups, etc. Any person under 18 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian.

Individual members will not use the shop for monetary gain or for commercial purposes.

A designated Shop Supervisor must be on the premises at all times that any work session is in process.

The Shop Supervisor(s) may set a maximum number of people using the shop at any one time as may be warranted by nature of on-going activities.

The Shop Supervisor shall require any member, who in his opinion is performing an unsafe act, to stop. The member must stop the act, however, he/she may appeal the decision to the Shop Manager.

Members will be required to use their own tools and equipment where not supplied by the Guild.

Members will provide whatever materials and supplies that may be required for their personal projects and will replace any Guild supplies they may use.

Members are responsible to maintain a clean working environment at all times.

Members will clean-up their work areas before leaving the shop.

The Shop Manager may suspend or revoke any member's shop usage privileges for failure to comply with shop rules. A member may appeal such a suspension or revocation to the board.

The requirements of this Policy shall be prominently posted and displayed on the shop premises.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind is strictly prohibited on the WEC premises.

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WEC FEBRUARY / MARCH CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 ^[8] Feb 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monta King	21	22	23	24	25	26
				5:30pm - 8:30pm Mike Key's Workbench Class	5:00pm - 9:00pm Eddie Heerten 9:00am - 1:00pm R Hardwick 1:00pm - 5:00pm R Hardwick	9:00am - 1:00pm Brian Stauss 1:00pm - 5:00pm Eddie Heerten
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1:00pm - 5:00pm Brian Stauss			6:30pm - 7:30pm AWG Board Meeting (J R Prewitt & Associates, 2146 Highland Avenue South)	5:30pm - 8:30pm Mike Key's Workbench Class	9:00am - 1:00pm Ron Powell 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Ron Powell 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	9:00am - 1:00pm Walter Barnett 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Newman
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				5:30pm - 8:30pm Mike Key's Workbench Class	9:00am - 1:00pm Bill Shivers -- supervisor 11:00am - 3:00pm OTH Gang - Toys 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bill Shivers -- supervisor 5:00pm - 9:00pm Mike Key	8:00am - 9:00am Monthly pre-meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00am - 11:30am Monthly Guild Meeting (Woodworking Education Center) 9:00am - 1:00pm Bob Moore 1:00pm - 5:00pm Bob Moore

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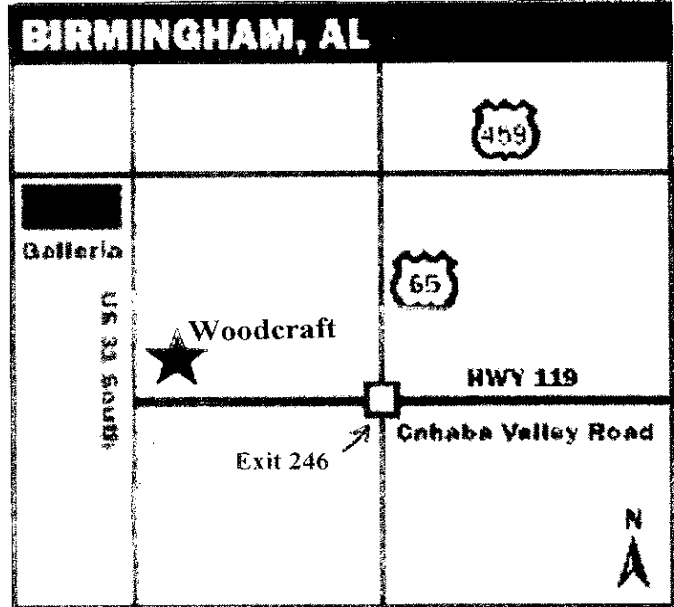
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